

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**National Institute of Justice****[OJP(NIJ)-1261]****Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts****AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice solicitation "Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts."**DATES:** Proposals must be received by close of business April 28, 2000.**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Sections 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The National Institute of Justice, in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs' Drug Courts Program Office (DCPO), is soliciting proposals in two research areas: a national evaluation of six juvenile drug courts and general research and evaluation in either juvenile or adult drug courts.

There are two goals for national evaluation of six juvenile drug courts: To develop a framework for describing juvenile drug courts, and to assess the success of juvenile drug courts in relation to the framework developed. The six juvenile drug courts are located in Orlando, FL; Missoula, MT; Jersey City, NJ; Las Cruces/Anthony, NM; Dayton, OH/and Charleston, SC. These drug courts were funded in 1996-1997.

It is anticipated that one award, not to exceed \$700,000, will be made for this evaluation, which is expected to be completed within 18 to 24 months.

The second area under this solicitation includes research and

evaluation projects addressing issues faced by the DCPO-funded adult and/or juvenile drug courts. For these projects, four awards of up to \$250,000 are expected. Each of these awards may last up to 24 months.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Drug Court Research and Evaluation: National Evaluation of Juvenile Drug Courts and Research on Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts" (refer to document no. SL000399). For World Wide Web access, connect to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

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BILLING CODE 4410-18-P**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****National Institute of Justice****[OJP(NIJ)-1262]****Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women FY2000****AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women FY2000."**DATES:** Proposals must be received by close of business May 15, 2000.**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

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Background

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research addressing violence against women. Violence against women is defined as intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and may include violence committed by acquaintances and strangers. Proposals are encouraged for research aimed at enhancing our knowledge of factors associated with three types of outcomes: Victim safety, offender accountability, and system accountability.

NIJ anticipates awarding up to 10 grants of varying amounts with a funding total of \$2,000,000.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women" (refer to document no. SL000398). For World Wide Web access, connect to either NIJ at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>, or the NCJRS Justice Information Center at <http://www.ncjrs.org/fedgrant.htm#nij>.

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BILLING CODE 4410-18-P**MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION****Commission Meeting****AGENCY:** Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000, and Friday, March 17, 2000, at the Ronald Reagan Building, International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, and 9:00 a.m. on March 17.

Topics for discussion include: survey results on health plans' selection and payment of health care providers, quality assurance for institutional providers, care at the end of life, improving information on the Medicare program, hospital financial performance, prescription drug coverage issues, update on payments to hospital outpatient departments, payments to teaching hospitals, and DRG refinement.

Agendas will be mailed on March 7, 2000. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).